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L.D. 1129

Date: 6/1/15

(Filing No. S-158)

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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**STATE OF MAINE**

**SENATE**

**127TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 398, L.D. 1129, "Resolve, To Support Home-based Care"

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'Resolve, To Change the Requirements for Nursing Services in Home Health Care'**

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. Amend the rules governing nursing services in home health care services. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend Rule Chapter 119, Regulations Governing the Licensing and Functioning of Home Health Care Services, in Chapter 7, Section 7.B.2 to allow nursing services to be provided by new nursing graduates who have successfully completed a home health care orientation program approved by the department prior to commencing independent home health care nursing practice. The orientation, provided by the agency employing the nursing graduate, must include all components of the home health agency core orientation and, in addition, a standard orientation curriculum that includes, but is not limited to, intravenous therapy including central and peripherally inserted central catheter line management, comprehensive health assessment, chronic disease self-management strategies, goal setting; patient-centered care, wound care assessment and techniques, evidence-based practice in clinical care, interprofessional collaborative practice, critical thinking and clinical judgment, health care ethics and medication assessment, reconciliation and administration and management in the community setting.'

**SUMMARY**

The amendment strikes and replaces the resolve. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend the rules governing the licensing and functioning of home health care services to allow nursing services to be provided by new graduates who have successfully completed a home health care orientation program approved by the department prior to commencing independent home health care nursing practice.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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- 1 Current rules require at least one year of professional nursing experience. The agency
- 2 employing the nursing graduate would be required to provide the orientation.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
**(See attached)**



Approved: 05/24/15 *MGC*

# 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1129

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**Resolve, To Support Home-based Care**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-158)**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services to amend the rules governing nursing services are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.